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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Rule 53(b) Divisional Application of:

Yukinori MATSUMOTO et al.

Divisional of S.N. 09/254,127 filed 11/1/99

Group Art Unit: TBA

Filed: November 28, 2001

Examiner: TBA

For: TEXTURE INFORMATION ASSIGNMENT METHOD, OBJECT EXTRACTION METHOD, THREE-DIMENSIONAL MODEL GENERATING METHOD, AND APPARATUS THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: November 28, 2001

Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the filing fees and consideration of the above divisional application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph on page 27, starting at line 23, with the following:

By the difference processing between object images A1-An and a background image, silhouette images B1-Bn with only the cut out of the object of interest are generated.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-42 and 82-94, without prejudice or disclaimer.